

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Applicants note that claims 5-13 are withdrawn from consideration, as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objections to the specification, although the exact issues are rendered moot herein. The acronyms are defined in the specification by amendment of page 6, the final paragraph as follows:

Experiment-1

The acronyms used below are defined as follows:

HDPA hexanediolpropoxylatediacrylate

HOBT 1-hydroxybenzotriazole

HBTU 2-(1H-benzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium

hexafluorophosphate

DIEA Diisopropylethylamine

ACP Acyl carrier protein fragment

Applicants note the Examiner's objection to the word "Lack", which is a misspelling of the word "lak" or "lakh". A copy of page 673 of "The Concise Oxford Dictionary"(5th Edition, Edited by H.W. Fowler and F.G. Fowler) which provides the meaning of the term "lac" or "lakh"[5th entry in the second column.] is attached. The definition entry for the word "lac" refers to 'a hundred thousand'.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-4 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In paragraph (A) of page 3, of the Office Action, the U.S. PTO rejects claims for the recitations "optimum' , "high" and "vigorous". These terms are deleted from the claims.


In paragraph (B) of page 3, of the Office Action, the U.S. PTO rejects claim 14 for the recitation "ratio". The word has been deleted from the claims with a bit of editorial change which is not substantive, but is presented to change the syntax.

In paragraph (C) of page 3, of the Office Action, the U.S. PTO rejects claims 15 and 1 for the recitation "polymer as claimed in claim 5". Antecedent basis has been corrected and claim dependency has been changed.

In paragraph (D) of page 3, of the Office Action, the U.S. PTO rejects claim 18 for the recitation "the step of hydrazinolysis" as lacking antecedent support. Antecedent basis has been corrected, by substituting the indefinite article "a" for "the". and claim dependency has been changed.

An early allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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